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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Municipal Officers

OF THE

TOWN of PERU

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 8th

1930



PRESS OF
MERRILL & WEBBER COMPANY
AUBURN, MAINE

TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator

ELBRIDGE G. CHILD

Town Clerk

HOWARD TURNER

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor

E. G. CHILD E. B. KNOX A. S. HAZELTON

Treasurer

HOWARD TURNER

Collector of Taxes

W. S. ARNOLD

Constables

W. S. ARNOLD

CHAS. N. CHILD

GEORGE A. ROSS

Surveyors of Wood and Lumber

W. J. BRYANT

C. H. ROBINSON

ISAAC A. SEARLES

Sextons

A. W. KNIGHT

MERLE B. KNOX

BENJ. LOVEJOY

Road Commissioner

M. M. FARRAR

Superintendent of Schools

FRANK McGOULDRICK

Superintending School Committee

JENNIE I. CHILD

MABELLE ROBINSON

FLORENCE PACKARD

Scaler of Weights and Measures

FRED S. SEARLES

Fire Ward

C. H. ROBINSON

Board of Health

SYLVESTER SEARLES

ADNA W. KNIGHT

OSCAR T. WOODBURY

Health Officer

SYLVESTER SEARLES

REPORT OF SELECTMEN

The Selectmen of the Town of Peru submit the following report for the year ending February 8, 1930.

VALUATION

Real estate, resident,	\$233,960 00
Real estate, non-resident,	98,995 00
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Total real estate,	\$332,955 00
Personal estate, resident,	\$ 81,297 00
Personal estate, non-resident,	16,865 00
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Total personal estate,	\$ 98,162 00
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Total valuation,	\$431,117 00
Total value of land,	\$173,834 00
Total value of buildings,	159,121 00

TAXABLE LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY

	No.	Av. Val.	Total Val.
Horses,	140	\$ 86 32	\$12,085 00
Colts, 3 to 4 years old,	2	87 50	175 00
Colts, 2 to 3 years old,	1	70 00	70 00
Cows,	270	34 56	9,331 00
Oxen,	2	100 00	200 00
Three years old,	82	31 12	2,552 00
Two years old,	102	27 36	2,791 00
Sheep, (over 35 in no.),	30	5 00	150 00
Poultry, (over 50 in no.),	420	70	293 00
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Total amount,			\$ 27,647 00

EXEMPT LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY

One year old,	117	\$ 15 65	\$ 1,832 00
Sheep, (to 35 in no.),	99	5 61	556 00
Swine, (to 10 in no.),	63	10 40	653 00
Poultry, (to 50 in no.),	2,209	72	1,586 00
Total			\$ 4,627 00

ALL OTHER PERSONAL PROPERTY

Electric Light Company,		\$ 5,700 00
Stock in trade,		15,275 00
Logs,		3,790 00
Lumber,		5,875 00
Wood and bark,		685 00
Automobiles,	189	28,715 00
Musical Instruments,	62	4,415 00
Radios,	43	1,505 00
Furniture,		1,225 00
Unmanufactured material at mills,		200 00
Portable mill and machinery,		600 00
Other property,		2,530 00
Amount,		\$70,515 00
Amount of livestock and poultry,		27,647 00

Total personal property, \$98,162 00

APPROPRIATED AND ASSESSED

State tax,	\$ 3,207 39
County tax,	1,410 19
For support of common schools,	\$ 4,200 00
High school tuition,	2,500 00
Text books and supplies,	200 00
Repairs and equipment,	300 00
Interest on school fund,	34 38
School flags,	20 00

Superintendence,	360 00
Office expense of Supt.,	35 00
Support of poor,	1,200 00
Summer roads and bridges,	3,500 00
Winter roads,	500 00
Maintenance of State Road,	800 00
Maintenance of State Aid Road,	100 00
Maintenance of third class road,	400 00
Maintenance of resolve road,	80 00
Care of cemeteries,	50 00
Town Officers' bills,	1,100 00
Miscellaneous town charges,	900 00
Memorial purposes,	5 00
Construction of State Aid Road,	533 00
Metal culverts,	300 00
Construction L. P. Knox road,	100 00
Snow fence,	200 00
Peru Fire Protective Association,	200 00
Purchase tractor and snow plow,	1,500 00
Purchase truck snow plow,	800 00
Health nursing,	30 00
Control White Pine Blister Rust,	100 00

Total appropriated for Town use,	\$ 20,047 38
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Appropriated and assessed,	\$24,664 96
Overlay,	634 71
Supplementary tax,	37 50

Total tax commitment,	\$25,337 17
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Number of polls assessed, 242.

Number of polls not taxed, 32.

Poll tax, \$3.00.

Rate of taxation, .057.

Rate of collection, .015.

STATE ROAD MAINTENANCE

Paid State,	\$ 408 00	
E. B. Knox, foreman,	12 50	
Walter Jasud,	3 50	
Edward Hayden,	7 00	
Mellen DeShon,	4 67	
Ralph Kidder,	4 67	
Frank Bisson,	11 64	
M. C. Kidder,	7 00	
Kelsey Phinney,	3 50	
D. S. Bryant,	8 00	
I. C. Kidder,	3 50	
Leslie Irish,	12 25	
M. M. Farrar,	44 00	
Lester Knox,	5 25	
Chas. Sedgebear,	5 25	
Delbert Rand,	23 27	
S. A. Hazelton,	7 10	
Gates Garage,	70 75	
Roy Knox,	42 19	
E. E. Oldham,	37 55	
James Irish,	28 27	
Fred Searles,	25 25	
D. C. Chenery,	21 50	
Melvin Lovejoy,	15 00	
Benj. Lovejoy,	21 00	
John Frost,	32 50	
Fred Luce,	10 00	
F. A. Smith,	29 25	
Herman Farnham,	17 25	
A. R. Porter,	26 00	
W. B. Gillespie,	10 50	
C. A. Lane,	13 00	
N. E. Metal Culvert Co.,	28 50	
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Expended,	\$	999 61

Appropriated,	\$ 800 00	
Overdrawn, 1928,	183 12	
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Available,		616 88
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Overdrawn,	\$	382 73

SUMMER ROADS AND BRIDGES

M. M. Farrar, Road Commissioner

Paid M. M. Farrar,	\$ 266 00
M. C. Kidder,	14 00
Leslie Irish,	15 75
Charlie Root,	10 70
George Easter,	47 80
F. A. Smith,	87 75
V. W. Farrar,	74 75
Melvin Lovejoy,	133 75
Wallace Andrews,	14 00
Lester Knox,	84 00
Charlie Sedgebear,	71 75
E. E. Howard,	173 05
M. B. Knox,	55 44
George Heffron,	13 36
Charles Lane,	14 68
A. H. Hall & Son,	96 13
Howard Turner,	3 00
E. E. Oldham,	143 11
J. C. Oldham,	116 89
O. J. Putnam,	74 50
John Kazregis,	20 00
Frank Godish,	8 40
Dwight Oldham,	19 50
B. C. Putnam,	98 00
N. B. Lufkin,	34 00
Fred Searles,	147 36
Fred Luce,	192 00
Albert Wentworth,	42 00

Benjamin Lovejoy,	103 50
James Irish,	1 63
Leslie L. Gordon,	26 46
Carroll Robinson,	5 00
S. A. Hazelton,	18 00
Roy Knox,	142 43
A. L. Harlow,	5 95
Wm. Johnson,	45 50
Carroll Oldham,	45 50
Harold Packard,	80 00
D. C. Chenery,	134 35
Alton York,	107 00
John Frost,	108 95
Willis Tainter,	26 00
M. H. Oldham,	9 76
Isadore Dragoon,	51 48
F. G. French,	5 00
A. W. Knight,	7 00
Lane Bros.,	7 75
Ashley Rafuse,	2 50
Wm. Gillespie,	35 80
Alcide Howard,	29 50
I. C. Kidder,	11 21
D. S. Bryant,	34 20
E. G. Child,	12 31
W. J. Bryant,	48 56
Simon Tutlis,	35 00
V. A. Eastman,	5 85
Elwin Cunningham,	26 37
H. E. Rafuse,	11 51
Alton Burgess,	7 00
C. H. Towle,	7 75
Adolph Grudginsky,	1 00
Ralph Farnham,	14 00
Wm. L. Paul,	11 76
Expended,	<hr/> \$ 3,297 25

Appropriated,	\$ 3,500 00
Overdrawn, 1928,	211 35

Available,	3,288 65
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Overdrawn,	\$ 8 60
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STATE AID ROAD CONSTRUCTION

Paid M. M. Farrar,	\$ 110 00
A. G. Howard,	15 00
Fred Searles,	91 88
J. C. Oldham,	94 00
E. E. Oldham,	102 00
Carroll Oldham,	89 25
Alcide Howard,	89 25
E. E. Howard,	86 25
John Albert,	47 25
Wm. Johnson,	85 75
Harold Packard,	215 00
Melvin Lovejoy,	71 75
John Frost,	145 00
Alton York,	87 50
Adolph Grudginsky,	7 35
Berger Mfg. Co.,	107 02
M. B. Knox,	7 04
A. H. Hall & Son,	33 22
D. C. Chenery,	22 50
E. G. Child,	4 00
Fred Luce,	11 10
M. H. Oldham,	42 20
I. C. Kidder,	6 97

Expended,	\$ 1,571 28
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Appropriated, by State,	\$ 1,066 00
From State, unpaid 1928,	17 10
Appropriated by Town,	533 00

Unexpended, 1928,	32 70	
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Available,		\$ 1,648 80
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Unexpended,		\$ 77 52

STATE AID AND RESOLVE ROAD MAINTENANCE

Paid M. M. Farrar,	\$ 12 00	
E. E. Howard,	62 25	
E. E. Oldham,	8 00	
J. C. Oldham,	12 00	
Wm. Johnson,	7 00	
Harold Packard,	20 00	
Fred Searles,	16 87	
John Frost,	25 25	
D. C. Chenery,	9 37	
Melvin Lovejoy,	9 37	
Benj. Lovejoy,	15 75	
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Expended,		\$ 197 86
Appropriated,	\$ 180 00	
Received from State,	51 00	
Unexpended, 1928,	39 62	
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Available,		\$ 270 62
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Unexpended,		\$ 72 76

THIRD CLASS ROAD CONSTRUCTION

Paid M. M. Farrar,	\$ 90 00
D. C. Chenery,	84 37
Melvin Lovejoy,	82 50
Benj. Lovejoy,	73 50
B. C. Putnam,	73 50
Albert Wentworth,	64 75

Elwin Cunningham,	35 00
Wallace Andrews,	66 50
Fred Searles,	65 63
E. C. Knox,	6 25
Oscar Putnam,	94 50
V. W. Farrar,	101 50
E. G. Child,	52 50
Curtis Winslow,	52 50
F. A. Smith,	63 00
Fred Luce,	60 00
Waldo Porter,	60 00
Arthur Porter,	25 00
Harold Packard,	70 00
John Frost,	70 00
V. A. Eastman,	5 60
I. C. Kidder,	2 45
A. H. Hall & Son,	44 11
Charlie Root,	27 70
S. A. Hazelton,	64 50
Berger Mfg. Co.,	101 63

Expended,	\$ 1,536 99
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State Appropriation,	\$ 1,601 47
Unexpended, 1929,	5 88

Available,	\$ 1,607 35
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Unexpended,	\$ 70 36
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THIRD CLASS ROAD MAINTENANCE

Paid M. M. Farrar,	\$ 18 00
F. A. Smith,	21 73
Charlie Sedgebear,	15 75
Elwin Farrar,	3 50
Fred Searles,	15 75
Fred Luce,	54 00

Melvin Lovejoy,	15 75
Albert Wentworth,	15 75
Alton York,	45 00
Lester Knox,	15 75
Benj. Lovejoy,	15 75
Carroll Robinson,	40 00
Roy Knox,	70 43
D. C. Chenery,	7 50
B. C. Putnam,	7 00
S. A. Hazelton,	36 45

Expended,	\$ 398 11
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Appropriated,	\$ 400 00
Overdrawn, 1928,	25 25

Available,	\$ 374 75
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Overdrawn,	\$ 23 36
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LINWOOD KNOX ROAD

M. M. Farrar, Road Commissioner

Paid M. M. Farrar,	\$ 8 00
J. C. Oldham,	4 00
E. E. Oldham,	4 00
E. E. Howard,	3 75
Alton York,	15 00
V. W. Farrar,	13 00
Benj. Lovejoy,	7 00
Melvin Lovejoy,	7 00
Lester Knox,	7 00
Fred Searles,	7 50
Roy Knox,	6 50
I. C. Kidder,	3 93
George Easter,	11 20

Alice Hall, land damage,	50 00	
Expended,		\$ 147 88
Appropriated,		100 00
Overdrawn,		\$ 47 88

METAL CULVERTS

Paid Berger Mfg. Co.,		\$ 280 57
Appropriated,	\$ 300 00	
Overdrawn, 1928,	6 70	
Available,		\$ 293 30
Unexpended,		\$ 12 73

TRACTOR AND SNOW PLOW

Paid Portland Tractor Co.,		\$ 5,100 00
Appropriation,	\$ 1,500 00	
Loan, as per vote,	3,600 00	
Available,		\$ 5,100 00

TRUCK SNOW PLOW

Paid Portland Tractor Co.,	\$ 750 00	
D. S. Bryant,	53 00	
Expended,		\$ 803 00
Appropriation,		\$ 800 00
Overdrawn,		\$ 3 00

SNOW FENCE

Paid New England Culvert Co.,		\$ 200 00
Appropriation,	\$ 200 00	

Unexpended, 1928,	8 39
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Available,	\$ 208 39
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Unexpended,	\$ 8 39

PERU-MEXICO BRIDGE

Paid Town of Dixfield, lighting,	\$ 9 00
Unexpended,	475 00
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Unexpended,	\$ 466 54

WINTER ROADS

Paid D. S. Bryant,	\$ 631 50
M. B. Knox,	204 81
M. M. Farrar,	127 25
E. E. Howard,	25 90
Alcide Howard,	5 80
Percy Frost,	29 05
Chas. Frost,	17 15
Fred Searles,	193 63
G. B. Gordon,	1 40
Frank Norris,	8 06
Oscar Putnam,	7 00
Alton Burgess,	8 67
A. W. Knight,	7 88
Anthony Mockus,	25 15
E. W. Sturtevant,	18 28
D. W. Oldham,	15 75
H. E. Knox,	16 00
E. B. Knox,	16 50
A. B. McIntire,	3 25
Elmer Child,	3 50
R. E. Chase,	4 40
I. C. Kidder,	43 40
M. C. Kidder,	46 00

E. H. Luce,	3 74
Leslie Gordon,	45 24
Ezra Hunt,	1 75
E. E. Oldham,	2 80
J. C. Oldham,	1 40
Jas. Miller,	8 05
Wm. Gross,	2 80
C. L. Knox,	7 05
Frank Savage,	3 55
A. L. Lovejoy,	30 45
E. G. Child,	8 05
D. C. Chenery,	1 87
John Frost,	5 00
H. E. Rafuse,	5 00
Frank Searles,	14 89
A. Hall & Son,	3 30
L. H. Irish,	1 75
Dominic Mazeikis,	6 13
Earland Bowie,	28 00
N. B. Lufkin,	6 00
Wm. Balcunis,	8 40
H. S. Gammon,	5 08
Richard Gill,	7 00
Clifford Gill,	1 75
John Norris,	2 45
B. D. Packard,	15 12
I. G. Gammon,	16 10
A. G. Howard,	4 20
Howard Child,	1 75
Richard Walker,	1 75
Erecting snow fence,	83 50

Expended,

\$ 1,794 25

Appropriated,	\$ 500 00
Unexpended, 1928,	543 26
Use of snow plow, Canton,	52 50
From State,	213 47

Due, Portland Tractor Co.,	100 00
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Available,	\$ 1,409 23
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Overdrawn,	\$ 385 02

TOWN CEMETERIES ACCOUNT

Paid M. B. Knox,	\$ 17 00
A. W. Knight,	3 00
J. C. Oldham,	4 00
Benj. Lovejoy,	10 00
E. G. Child,	7 90
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Expended,	\$ 41 90
Appropriated,	\$ 50 00
Unexpended, 1928,	104 32
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Available,	\$ 154 32
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Unexpended,	\$ 112 42

TURNER CEMETERY ACCOUNT

Paid A. W. Knight,	\$ 3 00
H. R. Robinson & Son,	6 00
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Expended,	\$ 9 00
Int. for 1929,	\$ 33 44
Unexpended, 1928,	4 01
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Available,	\$ 37 45
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Unexpended,	\$ 28 45

CUSHMAN CEMETERY LOT

Paid E. G. Child,	\$ 1 00
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Interest for 1929,	\$	2 02
Unexpended, 1928,		5 30

Available,	\$	7 32
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Unexpended,	\$	6 32
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LOVEJOY CEMETERY LOT

Paid E. G. Child,	\$	1 00
Interest for 1929,	\$	4 04
Unexpended, 1928,		1 35

Available,	\$	5 39
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Unexpended,	\$	4 39
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AUSTIN CEMETERY LOT

Interest for 1929,	\$	4 04
Unexpended, 1928,		7 73

Available,	\$	11 77
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MEMORIAL

Paid I. C. Kidder, for flags,	\$	6 75
Appropriated,	\$	5 00
Unexpended, 1928,		4 46

	\$	9 46
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Unexpended,	\$	2 71
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SUPPORT OF POOR

Paid Bertha Searles, board and care of HORACE CLARK,	\$	260 00
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Paid Selma Farrar, board and care		
of R. A. PINKHAM,	\$	9 00
H. W. Stanwood, M.D.,		11 00
J. S. Sturtevant, M.D.,		10 00
E. R. Lane,		10 00
C. N. Child,		2 00
E. E. Tucker,		121 25
	—————\$	163 25

Paid Myrtie Woodbury, board and		
care of HARRY PINK-		
HAM,	\$	41 28
H. W. Stanwood, M.D.,		42 00
Harry Marsh,		120 00
McFalls Cem. Assoc.,		10 00
	—————\$	213 28

Pair Selma Farrar, board and care		
of ETTA BOWKER,	\$	260 00

Paid Mrs. E. W. Knox, board and		
care of STILLMAN		
BISHOP,	\$	14 00
Selma Farrar, board and care,		9 00
	—————\$	21 00

OUT OF TOWN POOR

Paid Town of Leeds, supplies for		
F. J. WING and FAMILY,	\$	182 67
D. F. D. Russell, M.D.,		53 75
	—————\$	236 42

POOR BELONGING TO OTHER TOWNS

Paid Bertha Searles, board and care		
of RALEIGH CORSON,	\$	60 00
Jos. Putnam, 2 pair hose,		1 00
	—————\$	61 00

Paid Bertha Searles, board and care of EDISON BATCH- ELDER,	\$ 48 80
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Expended,	\$ 1,263 75
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Appropriated,	\$ 1,200 00
Overdrawn, 1928,	585 70

Available,	\$ 614 30
Due from Bethel, acct. Corson,	61 00
Due from Corinth, acct. Batchelder,	48 80

Amount,	\$ 724 10
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Overdrawn,	\$ 539 65
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WHITE PINE BLISTER RUST

Paid Elmer Child,	\$ 8 00
E. G. Child,	92 00

Expended,	\$ 100 00
Appropriated,	\$ 100 00

PERU FIRE ASSOCIATION

Paid Peru Fire Association,	\$ 200 00
Appropriated,	\$ 200 00

HEALTH NURSING

Paid State Treasurer,	\$ 30 00
Appropriated,	\$ 30 00

MISCELLANEOUS

Paid Merrill & Webber, reports,	\$ 59 50
A. Grudginsky, repairs, snow plow,	21 04
State, dependent children,	102 72
H. R. Robinson, interest on loan,	75 00
Newell White, dog license book,	1 75
Loring, Short & Harmon, books,	25 07
M. B. Knox, repairs, road machine and tractor,	35 73
M. C. R. R., pipe permit,	1 00
Dixfield, use tractor,	3 00
M. M. Farrar, exp. on re- pairs,	1 14
N. E. Road Machine Co., tractor hitch,	25 00
Roy Knox, express,	89
W. A. Dill, grader blades,	17 00
W. N. McGuire, forest fire,	2 40
L. M. McGuire, forest fire,	2 40
Fred Searles, forest fire,	4 40
E. G. Child, forest fire,	3 60
I. C. Kidder, adding machine repairs,	14 75
D. H. Conant, express, ballots,	45
Jennie I. Child, copying invent. book,	15 00
E. G. Child, auto tax book,	6 00
R. F. T. Co., interest on loans,	238 48
Bounty on hedgehogs,	35 25
E. C. Knox, tractor storage and repairs,	42 70
Jennie Child, interest on loan,	50 00

W. J. Bryant, tractor garage,	327 09
Clark Foundry, tractor repairs,	8 62
J. S. Sturtevant, vital statistics,	6 50
Israelson Motor Co. tractor repairs,	3 70
Frost Motor Supply, battery repairs,	2 80
Florence Shaw, use water tub,	4 00
M. M. Farrar, use water tub,	4 00
C. H. Ames, inspecting plumbing,	12 50
Portland Tractor Co., repairs,	26 50
L. H. Irish, moving stove,	2 00
Isaac Searles, wood,	30 00
H. R. Robinson, use water tub,	5 00
Howard Turner, incidentals and papers,	25 51
A. H. Hall & Son, tractor repairs,	4 70
John Wiken, tractor lights,	1 00
E. G. Child, incidentals and labor on garage,	7 10
E. B. Knox, stove and incidentals,	8 75

Expended,

\$ 1,264 04

Appropriated,	\$ 900 00
Sold snow plow,	25 00
P. P. F. Assoc., pipe lease,	1 00
Unexpended, on Breakwater acct.,	123 16
Unexpended, grading Town Hall Lot acct.,	17 60
Unexpended, unprotected cemetery acct.,	85 85
Due, State, hedgehog bounty,	44 50

Due, State pension,	30 00
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Available,	\$ 1,227 11
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Overdrawn,	\$ 36 93

DELINQUENT

1928	Alphonso G. Walker,	\$ 3 00	
	Percy Raymond, poll and		
	personal,	4 55	
		<hr/>	\$ 7 55
1929	Joseph Albert,	\$ 3 00	
	Albert Bennett,	31 50	
	John Gails,	3 00	
	Ezra Hunt,	3 42	
	Chas. W. Knox,	3 00	
	Percy Raymond,	7 28	
		<hr/>	\$ 51 20
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	Amount,		\$ 58 75

ABATEMENTS

Worthless tax deeds,	\$ 9 72
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TOWN OFFICERS

Paid E. G. Child, moderator,	\$ 4 00
Howard Turner, clerk,	70 00
E. G. Child, selectman,	186 00
E. B. Knox, selectman,	183 00
S. A. Hazelton, selectman,	175 00
Howard Turner, treasurer,	100 00
W. S. Arnold, collector,	379 29
Jennie I. Child, school com.,	5 00
M a b e l l e Robinson, school	
com.,	7 25

Florence Packard, school com.,	5 25	
Sylvester Searles, health officer,	4 00	
C. H. Robinson, ballot clerk,	4 00	
A. B. McIntire, ballot clerk,	4 00	
E. G. Bassett, constable, 1928,	5 00	
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Expended,		\$ 1,131 79
Appropriated,	\$ 1,100 00	
Unexpended, 1928,	8 84	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,108 84
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Overdrawn,		\$ 22 95

FINANCIAL STANDING OF TOWN

February 8, 1930

Cash in hands of Treasurer,	\$ 757 39	
Lot 9, Range 10, Thompson's Grant,	300 00	
Tax deeds on hand,	1,018 42	
Due from State, hedgehog bounty,	44 50	
Due on tax bills of 1928,	7 55	
Due on tax bills of 1929,	51 20	
Due from Town of Bethel,	79 35	
Due from Town of Corinth,	48 80	
Due from State, state pension,	30 00	
Due from Portland Tractor Co.,	100 00	
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Total resources,		\$ 2,437 21

LIABILITIES

Loan and int. from Jennie Child,	\$ 1,050 00
Loan and int. from H. R. Robin- son,	1,575 00
Loan and int. from G. B. Gordon,	1,050 00

Loan and int. from A. S. Holman, 2,100 00

Liabilities,	\$ 5,775 00
Liabilities over resources,	\$ 3,337 79
Auto Excise Tax, 1930, to Feb. 1,	
on hand,	\$ 579 22
Due Col. for collecting auto tax,	\$ 28 96

Respectfully submitted,

E. G. CHILD,
 E. B. KNOX,
 S. A. HAZELTON,
 Selectmen of Peru.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Dr.

To Tax deeds on hand,	\$ 622 59
Due on tax bills, 1928,	134 36
Cash on hand,	2,056 22
A. S. Holman, loan,	2,000 00
G. Gordon, loan,	1,000 00
Temporary loans,	9,200 00
To State, hedgehog bounty,	54 00
Int. on tax deeds,	1 71
P. F. P. A. pipe lease,	1 00
Dog licenses,	144 00
Tax Com. 1929,	25,299 67
Rebate, trans. overpaid,	10 00
State, snow removal,	213 47
State, highway main. 1928,	66 00
State Aid Maintenance,	1,055 38
State, third class road,	1,536 79
State Aid Rd. Main.,	51 00
Int. on cemetery funds,	43 54
State School Fund,	2,418 13
State, school equipment,	186 00
Recording tax deeds,	5 25
Recd. for snow plow,	25 00
State pensions,	45 00
Supplementary tax,	37 50
Excise auto tax, 1930,	579 22

Receipts,

\$ 46,785 83

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Paid State pensions,	\$ 75 00
Town orders,	44,297 05
Tax deeds,	1,018 42
Due on tax bills of 1928,	7 55
Due on tax bills of 1929,	51 20
Cash on hand,	1,336 61
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Expenditures,	\$ 46,785 83

Respectfully submitted,

HOWARD TURNER,
Treasurer.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the Superintending School Committee and Citizens of the town of Peru :

I hereby submit my fifth annual report of your schools.

TEACHERS

School	Teacher	Home Address	Experience	Salary per Week
West Peru Prim.	Agnes York	West Peru, Me.	7 Terms	\$21.00
West Peru Gram.	Mabel Pendelton	Weld, Me.	25 Terms	21.00
Dickvale	Edith Kane	Brooklin, Me.	33 Terms	25.00
Union	Florence Heath	Phillips, Me.	25 Terms	21.00
Peru Center	Helen Whitcomb	Ellsworth, Me.	4 Terms	21.00
East Peru	Mary Franklin	Ellsworth, Me.	1 Term	18.00

The West Peru teachers and Miss Heath of the Union school served in these positions last year. Their educational qualifications have been mentioned in a previous report. The three new teachers have been well trained and are prepared to render excellent service. Miss Kane is a graduate of Castine Normal School and in addition to this has taken special courses in education at the University of Maine. She is certified by the State Department of Education to teach in both elementary and secondary schools. Miss Whitcomb is a graduate of Gorham Normal School and Miss Franklin of Farmington Normal School.

ENROLLMENT

The enrollment by grades and schools the present school year is as follows:

School	S.P.	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	Total
W. Peru Prim.	9	8	12	7	4					40
W. Peru Gram.						6	4	3	3	16
Dickvale		2	3	6	3	2	10	1	4	31
Union		1	4	2		3	4	1	1	16
Peru Center	8		2	1	2		1	3	4	21
East Peru		3	1		1		1	3	1	10
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Totals	17	14	22	16	10	11	20	11	13	134

ATTENDANCE

Following is the whole number in attendance and average attendance for each term of the year ending December 31, 1929.

School	Winter Term		Spring Term		Fall Term	
	No. of Pupils	Av.	No. of Pupils	Av.	No. of Pupils	Av.
West Peru Prim.	35	30.7	33	31.3	40	35.6
West Peru Gram.	15	13.	13	11.36	16	13.
Dickvale	26	22.8	33	26.29	31	24.4
Union	16	14.61	19	17.83	16	15.34
Peru Center	14	10.29	15	13.3	21	19.53
East Peru	4	3.48	7	6.63	10	9.57
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Totals	110	94.88	120	108.71	134	117.44

Six pupils were not absent for the school year ending June 14, 1929. They are William Austin, Leon Child, Elwin Child Jr., and Kenneth Knox of West Peru Primary; Joseph Arnold of West Peru Grammar; and Edwin Bisson of Peru Center.

For the fall term of fifteen weeks ending December 20, 1929, the following pupils were not absent: Phyllis Haynes, Corrinne Howard, Pauline Howard, and Donald Lane of West Peru Primary; Elwin Child Jr., Sherman Irish, and Verner Wiken of West Peru Grammar; John Kazregis, Julia Kazregis, Violet Kazregis, Blandine Knox,

Everdine Knox, and Warren Knox of the Union School; Barbara Kidder, Carlton Kidder, Ilda Kidder, Rollins Kidder, Annie Sharko, Ellen Sharko, and Rubina Vaughn of Peru Center; Christine Luce and Zibia Hosley of East Peru.

The Peru Center School had the largest number of pupils not absent for the fall term, 1929. Elwin Child Jr. of West Peru is the only pupil in town who was not absent for the past four terms. He did not miss a day for 51 weeks.

REPAIRS AND EQUIPMENT

The greater part of the appropriation was expended for Dickvale and Peru Center. At Dickvale the walls and ceilings of the school room and entry were painted, windows repaired, and some new seats furnished. It was necessary to do considerable work on the chemical toilets as they were in very bad condition. At Peru Center the walls and ceilings of the school room and hall were painted, new Sterling Slate blackboards installed, and some furniture consisting of tables and chairs purchased. This school was also favored with a complete set of geographical maps. Kindergarten chairs and some desks for pupils were secured for West Peru Primary. Small repairs were made at the other schools and minor equipment furnished. The money in the special repair account is used for West Peru schools. Repairs and equipment for the other districts are charged to general repairs.

The teacher and pupils of the West Peru Grammar school through their school league activities earned money enough to buy several fine pieces of equipment. Among them are library table and chairs, victrola table containing compartments for records, teacher's desk and chair, Sterling Slate blackboards, and ventilators for use at windows.

HIGH SCHOOL TUITION

For the school year which opened in September, 1929, the enrollment of high school tuition pupils is as follows:

Pupil	Home	High School
Gilbert Brackett	West Peru	Dixfield High School
Roland Burgess	West Peru	Dixfield High School
Percy Chapman	West Peru	Dixfield High School
Norman Child	West Peru	Dixfield High School
Dana Eastman	West Peru	Dixfield High School
Cleston Garneau	West Peru	Dixfield High School
May Goggin	West Peru	Dixfield High School
Rachel Goggin	West Peru	Dixfield High School
Charles Norris	West Peru	Dixfield High School
John Norris	West Peru	Dixfield High School
Mary Searles	Dickvale	Dixfield High School
Eleanor Porter	Dickvale	Dixfield High School
Mary Searles	Dickvale	Dixfield High School
Clifford Gill	Union District	Dixfield High School
Joseph Arnold	West Peru	Stephens High School
Verna Arnold	West Peru	Stephens High School
Elwin Cunningham	West Peru	Stephens High School
Geraldine Farrar	West Peru	Stephens High School
Irene Farrar	West Peru	Stephens High School
Dorothy Heffron	West Peru	Stephens High School
Gladys Howard	West Peru	Stephens High School
Burton Smith	West Peru	Stephens High School
Petronella Jeselskis	Union District	Stephens High School
Stasie Mazeikis	Union District	Stephens High School
Alvin Vaughn	Peru Center	Stephens High School
Evelyn Babb	East Peru	Canton High School
Arza Hosley	East Peru	Canton High School
Archer Howard	East Peru	Canton High School
Ellis Walker	Worthley Pond	Canton High School
Richard Walker	Worthley Pond	Canton High School
Elaine Robinson	Peru Center	Canton High School
Louise Sharko	Peru Center	Canton High School

The charge for tuition in Canton and Dixfield is \$80 per year for each pupil. At Stephens High School it is \$100. As there are 14 pupils in Dixfield High, 7 in Canton, and 11 in Stephens the total expense for the present school year will be \$2780 unless some of them withdraw before the spring term. Next June, 2 will be graduated from Dixfield High, 5 from Canton, and 2 from Stephens, making a total of 9 to remove from the tuition list of 32, the number now enrolled. The registration will not be smaller the coming year because 13 will complete the elementary school course in Peru at the close of the spring term and be ready to enter high school next September.

PHYSICAL EXAMINATION OF PUPILS

A physical examination of the pupils was given under the direction of Miss Ruth Woodward of the Public Health Nursing Service. Miss Edith L. Soule, Division Director, of the State Department of Health has sent me the results of the examination and I hereby submit her report to you.

REPORT OF PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING WORK IN PERU FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

Before beginning work in the schools, a letter was sent to the Superintendents of Schools, suggesting that the physical examination cards be placed in the hands of the various teachers with instructions to fill out the data which was available, so that the nurse, on her visit to the school, would not need to lose time in unnecessary clerical work, but could devote her full time to work that the teachers could not do. Ready response to this request was received, so little preliminary time was lost when the nurse was ready to begin her inspections. In all cases there has been wonderful co-operation in the work from the school department and teachers.

The following is a summary of the work the nurse did in your schools:

No. children inspected,	96	
underweight,		18
overweight,		4
with defective vision,		17
with enlarged glands,		40
with defects of skin,		5
anemic,		4
with defects of teeth,		47
with enlarged tonsils,		46
with posture defects,		3
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Total number of defects,		184

No. children having defects,	89
unvaccinated,	70

Home visits were made to parents of 86 children to explain the necessity of having conditions found cared for by physician. Corrections were made on 3 children.

The above report will indicate the importance of continuing the work another year, and we urge that the town make an appropriation for this purpose.

BUDGET FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Your School Committee and Superintendent have considered the needs of the schools for the next year and submit the following budget for the annual town meeting:

Common Schools	\$ 4,200 00
High School Tuition,	2,500 00
Books and Supplies,	200 00
Repairs and Equipment,	300 00
Superintendence,	360 00
Interest on School Fund,	34 38
Office Expense,	35 00

Flags,

20 00

—————\$ 7,649 38

The above items call for the same amounts raised last March. It would be unwise to reduce any of them because the expenses will be at least as much next year as they have been the past. If there is a small increase the unexpended balance will take care of it.

The financial statement of the schools is appended to this report. It was not necessary to overdraw any accounts this year. The total amount unexpended is \$473.09.

In closing I wish to thank all the citizens of Peru who have aided the schools in any way the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK McGOULDRICK,
Superintendent of Schools.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

COMMON SCHOOLS

Appropriation,	\$ 4,200 00
Interest on School Fund,	34 38
State School Fund,	2,238 13
	<hr/> \$ 6,472 51

Overdraft, 1928-29,	\$ 131 10
Teachers' Salaries,	4,483 50
Transportation,	930 00
Fuel,	405 60
Janitors,	254 75
	<hr/> \$ 6,204 95

Unexpended,	<hr/> \$ 267 56
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HIGH SCHOOL TUITION

Balance, 1928-29,	\$ 160 13
Appropriation,	2,500 00
	<hr/> \$ 2,660 13

Paid Town of Dixfield,	\$ 1,140 00
Canton,	732 00
Rumford,	633 31
Gould Academy,	61 00
	<hr/> \$ 2,566 31

Unexpended,	<hr/> \$ 93 82
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BOOKS AND SUPPLIES

Balance, 1928-29,	\$ 28 21
Appropriation,	200 00
State School Fund,	180 00
	<hr/> \$ 408 21

Expended,	401 76
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Unexpended,	<hr/> \$ 6 45
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GENERAL REPAIRS

Balance, 1928-29,	\$	6 48	
Appropriation,		300 00	
Equalization Fund from State,		186 00	
		<hr/>	\$ 492 48
Expended,			459 00
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Unexpended,	\$		33 48

SPECIAL REPAIRS

Balance, 1928-29,	\$	134 55
Expended,		74 36
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Unexpended,	\$	60 19

SUPERINTENDENCE

Appropriation,	\$	360 00
Expended,		360 00

OFFICE EXPENSE

Balance, 1928-29,	\$	1 77	
Appropriation,		35 00	
		<hr/>	\$ 36 77
Expended,			35 77
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Unexpended,	\$		1 00

FLAGS

Balance, 1928-29,	\$	13 10	
Appropriation,		20 00	
		<hr/>	\$ 33 10
Expended,			22 51
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Unexpended,	\$		10 59

STATE OF MAINE

State School Fund,	\$ 2,418 13
Equalization Fund,	186 00

Total Amount Received from State,	\$ 2,604 13
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Transferred to Common School Account,	\$ 2,238 13
Transferred to Books and Supplies,	180 00
Transferred to Repairs and Equipment,	186 00
	<hr/> \$ 2,604 13

RECAPITULATION

Accounts	Receipts	Expenditures	Unexpended
Common Schools,	\$ 6,472 51	\$ 6,204 95	\$ 267 56
High School Tuition,	2,660 13	2,566 31	93 82
Books and Supplies,	408 21	401 76	6 45
General Repairs,	492 48	459 00	33 48
Special Repairs,	134 55	74 36	60 19
Superintendence,	360 00	360 00	
Office Expense,	36 77	35 77	1 00
Flags,	33 10	22 51	10 59
	<hr/> \$ 10,597 75	<hr/> \$ 10,124 66	<hr/> \$ 473 09

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Record of Marriages, Births and Deaths returned to this office for the year ending February 1, 1930.

MARRIAGES

1929

February 20, at Dixfield, Rodney P. Grover of Dixfield and Audrey J. Putnam of Peru.

April 18, at Auburn, Arthur L. Campbell of Lewiston and Lena C. DeShon of Peru.

September 28, at Kingfield, Leonard E. Riggs and Cornelia A. Sturtevant, both of Peru.

December 10, at Rumford, James C. Morrill of Peru and Margie A. Littlefield of Rumford.

1930

January 14, at East Sumner, Clarke M. Wheeler of Danvers, Mass. and Evelyn A. Forbes of Peru.

BIRTHS

1929

February 28, to Hildreth M. and Thomas E. Saunders, a daughter, Jessie Frieda.

March 23, at Portland, to Emily M. and Walter L. Knight, a daughter, Barbara.

April 1, to Helen E. and Walter Jasud, a son Donald Joseph.

April 24, to Muriel E. and Clifford E. Child, a daughter, Athalie Fay.

June 15, to Lydia R. and C. W. Knox, a daughter, Dermiline Rosaline.

August 6, to Lucile B. and Duncan A. Gill, a son, Robert Clifford.

August 8, to Iva M. and Elmer L. Child, a son, Lawrence Henry.